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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 31st January 1962

No. CH(I)-15(41)/61.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its report on the fair selling prices of caustic soda, chlorine, hydrochloric acid and bleaching powder and recommended as follows:

- (i) Selling prices for caustic soda, chlorine, hydrochloric acid and bleaching powder should be fixed on ex-works basis as at present.
- (ii) At the present stage of development of the industry it is not desirable to fix a separate price for liquid caustic soda of the rayon grade.
- (iii) The ex-works selling price of fused solid caustic soda conforming to I.S.I. specification (technical grade) should be fixed at Rs. 36.00 per 50 kg.
- (iv) The ex-works selling price of caustic soda lye on the basis of 100 per cent NaOH content should be fixed at Rs. 31.00 per 50 kg. The price includes filling charges but not the rental of containers.
- (v) The ex-works selling price of caustic soda flakes conforming to I.S.I. specification (technical grade) should be fixed at Rs. 41.00 per 50 kg.
- (vi) There should be no price control on the sale of chlorine in gaseous form.
- (vii) The ex-works selling price inclusive of filling charges of liquid chlorine in returnable containers should be maintained at the existing level of Rs. 21.85 per 50 kg. In respect of liquid chlorine to be supplied for the manufacture of chlorine products within the factory or in adjacent units, selling expenses of Re. 1 per 50 kg. will not be admissible.
- (viii) The ex-works selling price of hydrochloric acid (commercial grade) should be fixed at Rs. 9.70 per 50 kg. In respect of hydrochloric acid supplied for the manufacture of other products within the factory or adjacent units, selling expenses of Re. 1 per 50 kg. will not be admissible.
- (ix) The ex-works selling prices of bleaching powder (stable for packings of 55 kg., 40 kg., 25 kg. and 12.5 kg.) should be maintained at the current levels of Rs. 32.55, Rs. 30.15, Rs. 25.35, Rs. 16.10 and 9.25 respectively. There is no need to fix selling prices for smaller sizes of packings.
- (x) The ex-works selling prices of caustic soda in its three forms, liquid chlorine, hydrochloric acid (commercial) and stable bleaching powder recommended above should be notified as ceiling prices for purchases ex-factory either directly or through agents or distributors of the manufacturers. These prices are exclusive of all levies, Central or State, and should be in force till the end of December, 1964.

2. Government have accepted the recommendations of the Tariff Commission except for the ex-works selling price of Bleaching Powder. The Tariff Commission has worked out a fair selling price for bleaching powder at Rs. 28.30 per 50 kgs. packing, but has recommended the maintenance of the price at the current level, i.e., Rs. 30.15 per 50 kgs. as otherwise the existing unit may not have sufficient incentive to expand its production, and, in that event, it may involve import of the material. There is a considerable force in the recommendation of the Tariff Commission. Government, however, feel that the extent of incentive suggested is on the high side and it would suffice if the selling price is fixed on the basis of Rs. 28.50 per 50 kgs. packing and have decided accordingly.

3. The following will be the ex-works ceiling prices for caustic soda in its three forms, liquid chlorine, hydrochloric acid (commercial) and stable bleaching powder. These prices are for purchases ex-factory either directly or through agents or distributors of the manufacturers and are exclusive of all levies Central or State and will be in force till the end of December, 1964.

- (i) Fused Solid Caustic Soda (technical grade conforming to I.S.I. specification) Rs. 36.00 per 50 kgs. ex-works
- (ii) Caustic soda lye (basis 100 per cent NaOH content) Rs. 31.00 per 50 kgs. ex-works
(The price includes filling charges but not rental on containers).
- (iii) Caustic soda flakes (technical grade conforming to I.S.I. specification) Rs. 41.00 per 50 kgs. ex-works
- (iv) Ceiling prices for caustic soda solid and flakes will be pro-rata higher for every 1 per cent purity above 96 per cent NaOH to provide for the sale of rayon grade caustic soda.
- (v) Liquid chlorine Rs. 21.85 per 50 kgs. ex-works.
(The ceiling price includes filling charges in returnable containers).
- (vi) Hydrochloric acid (commercial grade) Rs. 9.70 per 50 kgs. ex-works.
- (vii) In respect of liquid chlorine and hydrochloric acid supplied for the manufacture of other products within the factory or adjacent units, selling expenses will not be admissible.

(viii) Stable bleaching powder.

Size of packing	Price
55 kgs.	.. 31.25
50 kgs.	.. 28.50
40 kgs.	.. 23.50
25 kgs.	.. 15.75
12.5 kgs.	.. 9.25

(The above prices will be on ex-works basis for various sizes of packings).

4. The above prices will come into force from 1st of February, 1962.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India.

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